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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yutaka HASEGAWA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1764
Serial No.: 09/472,150) Examiner: J. Leung
Filed: December 27, 1999)
For: HIGH-PRESSURE TREATMENT)
APPARATUS, FEEDING METHOD)
THERETO AND PROTECTION)
METHOD THEREOF)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002 (Paper No. 9), please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph on page 35, lines 17-23 as follows:

Within the high-pressure reactor 200 and gap 202, water is fed by a pump 211 through the duct 212. The pressure sensors 231 and 232 measure the pressures of the waters. Based on the measured values, the pressure controller 215 maintains the pressure of the water within the gap 202 higher than that of the inside of the high-pressure reactor 200 by approximately 0.5 MPa to 5 MPa.

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